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Patent Application of: Joseph S. Peiris et al.

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For: A NOVEL HUMAN VIRUS CAUSING
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY
SYNDROME (SARS) AND USES THEREOF

New York, NY
April 4, 2007

STATEMENT REGARDING DEPOSIT UNDER BUDAPEST TREATY

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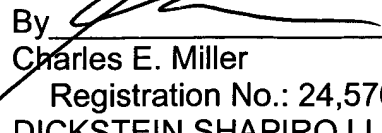
Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby states that the isolated hSARS virus specifically identified in the above-identified application was deposited on April 2, 2003, under the Budapest Treaty, with China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC), which is an International Depositary Authority (IDA) as established under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, and was accorded accession no. CCTCC-V200303. A copy of the receipt issued by the CCTCC in connection with the deposit is attached hereto for reference.

The undersigned further states that said deposit will be irrevocably and without restriction or condition released to the public upon the issuance of a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Professor JSM Peiris

Deposited on Behalf of:

Department of Microbiology, The University of Hong Kong

Identification Reference by Depositor:

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Virus

CCTCC Designation:

CCTCC V 200303

The deposit was accompanied by: _____ a scientific description, X a proposed taxonomic description indicated above.

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AT YOUR REQUEST:

We will inform you of requests for the strain for 30 years.

The strain will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive.

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The strain will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years after the date of deposit, and for a period of at least five years after the most recent request for a sample.

The viability of the culture cited above was tested on April 11, 2003 On that date, the culture was viable.

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Signature of person having authority to represent CCTCC:

Chengxiang Fang Date: April 14, 2003

Chengxiang Fang, Deputy Director of CCTCC